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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Yasushi KURATA et al.**

Art Unit: 1792

Application Number: **10/517,049**

Examiner: **George A. GOUDREAU**

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For: **POLISHING SLURRY AND POLISHING METHOD**

Attorney Docket Number: **043062**

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

May 9, 2008

Sir:

This election is submitted in response to the Office Action dated April 9, 2008.

Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group I, Claims 1-11, for initial prosecution in this application.

This election is made with traverse. If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, event though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions. Note MPEP §803. In the instant application, the Examiner has already searched the two groups and therefore there is no "undue burden".

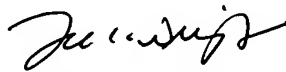
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The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

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